



## 2005 SMALL BUSINESS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

*Help us recognize outstanding leaders in your small business community*

Please Check One	<b>Small Business Awards:</b> <i>The following seven awards are presented to individuals who own and operate their own business. (Submission of financial information is required for these awards)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Small Business Person:</b> The most prestigious of all SBA awards. This award will be presented to an entrepreneur who developed an outstanding, growing business, innovative product(s)/service, increased jobs, increased sales, overcame adversity, and contributed to his/her community.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Small Business Exporter:</b> Awarded to a small business owner who has significantly increased export sales and profits, encouraged/mentored other firms to export, increased jobs through exporting, and implemented innovative methods for creating export markets.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Young Entrepreneur:</b> Candidate must not have reached age 30 by June 2005, to be eligible. Evidence of three (3) year success in sales, profits, increased jobs, innovative products/service, demonstrated entrepreneurial potential.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Entrepreneurial Success:</b> Individual(s) who own and operate a business which was launched as small by SBA size standards, received SBA assistance, and has since grown into a large business.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Family-Owned Small Business:</b> Family owned and operated business which has been passed from one generation to another. Nominees must also serve as a majority owner and operator or bear principal responsibility for operating a small business with at least a 15 year track record.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Main Street Business:</b> Awarded to a small business person in Montana with fewer than 10 employees who has developed an outstanding, growing business, innovative product(s)/service, increased jobs, increased sales, overcame adversity, and contributed to his/her community.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Woman Owned Business:</b> Awarded to the top Montana woman business owner who has developed an outstanding, growing business, innovative product (s)/service, increased jobs, increased sales, overcame adversity, and contributed to her community.
	<b>Advocate Awards:</b> <i>The following awards are presented to individuals who promote small business, volunteer time and services to small business interest groups, advocate the cause of small business through legislation, or use their professional expertise to assist small business owners. Advocates may or may not be small business owners.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Minority Small Business Advocate:</b> Individuals advancing business ownership for minorities and fulfilling a commitment to supporting minority entrepreneurial development may be nominated.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Women in Business Advocate:</b> Individuals increasing business opportunities for women and fulfilling a commitment to the advancement of women's business ownership may be nominated.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Veteran Small Business Advocate:</b> Individuals increasing business opportunities for armed service veterans may be nominated.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Home-based Business Advocate:</b> Individuals who have experienced the rewards and difficulties of home-based business ownership and have dedicated volunteer efforts to improve the climate for these businesses may be nominated.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Financial Services Advocate:</b> Individuals assisting small business owners in obtaining financing, either directly or through advocacy efforts to increase the availability of financial services may be nominated.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Small Business Journalist Advocate</b> – Individuals publicizing small business issues or promoting small business programs or success stories. Journalists representing television, radio, electronic, or print media may be nominated.

### Nominee Information

Nominee:					Title:	
Company:						
Address:						
City:		State:		Zip:		
Phone:		Fax:		Email:		

### Nominator Information

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Company:						
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Please attach a nomination letter, brief biography, business profile, statement of qualities and performance, news articles and other supporting documentation, as outlined in the guidelines in support of your nominee. Return to the SBA Montana District Office, 10 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 1100, Helena, MT 59626 by December 3, 2004. For more information, please call 406.441.1081 or email [lorena.carlson@sba.gov](mailto:lorena.carlson@sba.gov). Thanks for your support!